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Seattle Bicycle Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

Date/Time: November 3, 2010/6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Chair: Max Hepp-Buchanan (sitting in for Blake Trask)
Recorder: Gabe Grijalva
Location: Seattle City Hall, L280

Minutes Distribution List:

See Attachment A

Members Present:

Ann Boyd; Allegra Calder; Kelsey Jones-Casey; Jodi Connolly; Sean Cryan; Gabe Grijalva; Max Hepp-Buchanan (Vice Chair); Neal Komedal; Anna Telensky; Jean White

Members Absent:

Matthew Crane; Blake Trask (Chair)

Guests:

Doug Cox (Seattle Department of Transportation, or SDOT); Sam Woods (SDOT); Maribel Cruz (SDOT); Kit Loo (SDOT); Geoff Wentlandt (City of Seattle Department of Planning and Development, or DPD); Paulo Nunes-Ueno (Seattle Children's Hospital); David Amiton (University of Washington); Tom Fucoloro (Seattle Bike Blog); Doug Beeman; Merlin Rainwater

MEETING CALL TO ORDER

- Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Max Hepp-Buchanan.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Members of the public:
 - David Amiton from the University of Washington (UW) discussed a project underway as part of the NE 45th St improvement project that has impacts to the Burke Gilman Trail at Pend Oreille. The project involves improving the skew of bike crossing and utility improvements on UW property.
 - Sam Woods gave update on the Burke Gilman Trail improvements through Lake Forest Park. Trail closures and detours will be required and a press release is forthcoming. The detour still needs more evaluation.

PRESENTATIONS

Time: 6:10 p.m.

Topic: Overview of Seattle Children's Livable Streets

Presenter: Paulo Nunes-Ueno, Transportation Director, Seattle Children's Hospital (SCH)

The Seattle Bicycle Advisory Board shall advise the City Council, the Mayor, and all departments and offices of the city on matters related to bicycling, and the impacts which actions by the city may have upon bicycling; and shall have opportunity to contribute to all aspects of the city's planning processes insofar as they relate to bicycling.

-City Council
Resolution 25534

Purpose: Present efforts to promote transportation improvements based on their Major Institution Master Plan and promote Livable Streets Workshop

Findings/Critical Points:

- Provided overview of the SCH Comprehensive Transportation Plan which looks to improve connections to the Burke Gilman Trail (BGT), reduce vehicle travel, reduce parking needs, and improve traffic congestion through intelligent transportation system (ITS) implementation efforts.
- Available funding will be used to improve campus designs, connections to BGT, connecting SCH with parks and schools, traffic calming designs, safer crossings, and arterial streets and provide neighborhood green streets.
- SCH is sponsoring a Livable Streets Workshop on Saturday November 13, 2010 at Gould Hall/UW Campus from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
 - Feet First will sponsor a “walkability” tour and several City Council members.
 - The Bicycle Alliance of Washington will host a bikability tour afterwards.

SBAB Comments/Questions:

- Are sidewalk improvements part of mitigation/budget? Answer: Yes, certain areas have been programmed to be improved.
- Questions on budget allocation specific to pedestrian and bicycle facilities were asked, along with timeline to complete. Answer: \$2 million is allocated to bicycle and pedestrian improvements and there is an aggressive schedule to have projects underway for the 2012 construction season.

SBAB Recommendations:

- SBAB thanks Paulo Nunes-Ueno for his presentation and is very supportive of Seattle Children’s Hospital’s implementation of their Comprehensive Transportation Plan.

Time: 6:30 p.m.

***Topic:* West Thomas Street Overpass Design and Construction Impacts Briefing and Input**

Presenter: Kit Loo, SDOT

Purpose: To provide the Board with an update on the construction impacts of the project

Findings/Critical Points:

- This project is currently at 95 percent design completion and should advertise for construction by the end of this year using programmed funds and other Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC) funding. The project should be ready for the 2011 construction year.
- The project proposes to use portions of the Myrtle Edwards Park trail system to move trucks to and from the construction site on the west side of the Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF) rail corridor. Truck access would come in from the Port of Seattle grain property and would be a one-way to and from access/flagger operation.
- Bicycle travel would be moved over to the pedestrian trail. Trucks would be separated from cyclists and pedestrians through use of traffic delineators.
- The cross section of the temporary relocated bicycle/pedestrian route is proposed to be 10 feet wide.

SBAB Comments/Questions:

- The Board expressed concern about moving trucks close to bicycle and pedestrian temporary facility, as there is no detail shown that depicts how this will work. Kit Loo will provide details subsequently.
- The Board also expressed concern over trucks using the existing trail and the potential damage it will cause to repair.
- SDOT will need to send out advance notification of closures, detours and closure schedules.

SBAB Recommendations:

- SBAB requested to review traffic control and other construction documents to understand the full impacts and disruptions on the existing trail, as well as any alternative construction access opportunities.
 - A recommendations letter to SDOT regarding this project is forthcoming from SBAB and will be submitted to SDOT by the end of December.
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Time: 7:05 p.m.

Topic: Thomas Street Streetscape Concept Plan Update

Presenter: Geoff Wentlandt, DPD

Purpose: Update SBAB on project progress since July presentation

Findings/Critical Points:

- Further considerations to have cycle tracks on Thomas St. and bike lanes/sharrows on Harrison St. have been studied and presented.
- Two options were presented:
 - The first option shows a cycle track on the north side of Thomas St. This option would not include bicycle facilities on Harrison St.
 - The second option shows no bicycle facilities on Thomas St. but would include an enhanced pedestrian environment, as well as bicycle facilities on Harrison St.
- Geoff Wentlandt indicated that proposed cycle tracks on Thomas St. may pose difficulties where left turns occur.
- DPD hopes to complete the draft Thomas St. Streetscape Concept plan by end of this year which will consider bicycle planning. He would like SBAB guidance in the next two weeks.
- There is currently no dedicated funding for the project, so completion of the corridor may be incremental as development occurs.

SBAB Recommendations:

- A recommendations letter to DPD regarding this project is forthcoming from SBAB and will be submitted to DPD by the end of December.
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Time: 7:30 p.m.

Topic: SDOT Update

Presenter: Doug Cox and Sam Woods, SDOT

Purpose: Update SBAB on SDOT's progress on Bicycle Master Plan implementation in 2010

Findings/Critical Points:

- 20 miles of bike lanes and sharrows have been installed in 2010, most of which were bike lanes.

- The Columbian Way S rechannelization project was successfully completed last month between 15th Ave S and Beacon Ave S.
 - The Elliot Street improvement project will have an open house in early 2011.
 - The Seattle bike counts have been completed and Cascade Bicycle Club is compiling the results and producing a report. Sam Woods noted that count data could be relevant for Thomas St. overpass construction planning.
 - The Nickerson St. reconstruction project should begin early next year.
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Time: 7:40 p.m.

***Topic:* Committee and/or Board Member Updates**

Presenters: SBAB Members

Purpose: Provide updates on Committee meetings attended by SBAB members

Findings/Critical Points:

- Sean Cryan gave an update on Freight Mobility meeting.
- The Airport Way S rechannelization project is meeting resistance in Georgetown.
- Commute Seattle inventory of bike parking facilities in downtown Seattle is on-going. 1,900 buildings have been inventoried.
- SBAB met with Seattle City Councilmembers Godden, Licata, Clark, Burgess, and O'Brien to discuss funding sources for implementation of the Bicycle Master Plan.
- SBAB retreat is scheduled for Wednesday, November 10 from 6-9 p.m. at the Mithun office.

MEETING ADJOURNMENT

Max Hepp-Buchanan adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

ATTACHMENT A

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Peter Hahn, Director, Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT)

Sam Woods, Manager, Bicycle, Pedestrian & Neighborhood Program & Project Development, SDOT

Diane Sugimura, Director, Department of Planning and Development (DPD)

Stella Chao, Director, Department of Neighborhoods (DoN)

Doug Cox, Assistant Transportation Planner, SDOT Liaison

Eric Widstrand, Traffic Operations Manager, SDOT

Meeting Presenters: Paulo Nunes-Ueno, Seattle Children's Hospital; Kit Loo, SDOT; Geoff Wentlandt, DPD

City of Seattle Council Transportation Committee Members

City of Seattle Neighborhood District Coordinators

Seattle Bicycle Advisory Board (SBAB) Board Members